

Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: 20 June 1961

SUBJECT : Reino HAYHANEN TV Appearance
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PARTICIPANTS: (John) Peter Maas, of Look magazine
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1. Mr. Maas said that he is interested in having Reino HAYHANEN appear on the first or one of the first shows of a new series on NBC TV, David Brinkley's "Journal", to be broadcast during prime evening time on Wednesday nights, starting on or about 1 October of this year. Mr. Maas guessed that the show might reach a national audience of about 40 million people. Brinkley would give a narration about the Hayhanen-Abel case, to be prepared by Maas, and about half or the remainder of the half-hour show, taped in color in Washington in advance, would consist of a short question and answer interview with HAYHANEN, who would appear in silhouette outline only, not showing his face, for security (and dramatic) reasons. During the interview it would be announced that HAYHANEN is writing a book, to publicize and arouse interest in this endeavor. In addition Maas offered to pay HAYHANEN \$1,000 for this appearance.

2. Maas said that we would be given the opportunity to go over the script and questions and answers in draft and that he would provide, for our security check, the names, date and place of birth and residence of TV personnel who would participate in the taping session in Washington. If possible, he would like to tape the show in early July. He offered to pay HAYHANEN's expenses in coming to Washington to do the show. Maas gave his home address and telephone as 31 W. 11th St., Apt. 6-D, NYC, tel. Algonquin 9-3955 and also David Brinkley's telephone numbers as Emerson 4-2000 (NBC) and Axminster 9-9390 (unlisted home number).

3. Maas asked if we had any films of ABEL taken prior to his arrest that could be used in the show. I explained that CIA does not conduct clandestine operations in the United States and ~~he~~ referred him to the Department of Justice for matters pertaining to FBI activities and investigations in the United States. He said that he thought that his friend, Bobby Kennedy, could help him in this matter.

4. In answer to his request I gave Maas some general information on Soviet intelligence methods of operation and some information on HAYHANEN for background.

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Also for background information he was shown a copy of the Secret HAYHANEN-ABEL Case Study (which is available in the Black Book). He scanned this and said that he wanted to come back next week and study it further, after he has had a chance to read the ABEL trial transcript. It was explained to him that clearances would be required before any classified material could be used and that some material might require clearance from the Department of Justice.

5. I told Maas that his proposal for a TV appearance sounded good to me but that we would have to communicate the offer ~~with~~ to HAYHANEN's lawyer, who is also his exclusive agent. Maas said that he could meet with HAYHANEN and his lawyer at any time in NYC, Philadelphia, Baltimore, or Washington, and suggested that a meeting be arranged next week, possibly the day after he sees us.

6. When Maas asked how he could get in touch with me, he was told that all contacts should be through Col. Grogan's office.

7. Maas again expressed disappointment at not being able to do the LONSDALE story. He said that the book by two British authors would be printed in the United States as well as in the UK and that the proofs are already in this country and further that the book is badly written and contains many wrong statements.

8. Maas asked if we had any story on the recent case of the American Foreign Service officer in Poland. He was referred to the Office of Security, Department of State, as the office responsible for that case.

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